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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF TEA IMPORTERS INC. REPRESENTATIVE

TO PRC

REF: STATE 194457, HONG KONG 9986

1. JOSEPH WERTHEIM NOTIFIED DEPARTMENT THAT CHINA NATIONAL PRODUCE AND ANIMAL BYPRODUCTS IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION HAS WITHDRAWN ITS INVITATION FOR HIS VISIT TO PRC. ORIGINAL INVITATION, RECEIVED AUGUST 29, ASKED WERTHEIM TO ARRIVE IN KWANGCHOW BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 1 AND 10. WERTHEIM INDICATED HE COULD NOT ARRANGE HIS OTHER BUSINESS AFFAIRS BY THEN AND ASKED FOR POSTPONEMENT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15. PRC RESPONSE LINKED INVITATION WITHDRAWAL TO WERTHEIM'S INABILITY TO ARRIVE BEFORE SEPTEMBER 10. WERTHEIM SPECULATED THAT FTC MIGHT HAVE HAD SOME SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT HIS DESIRE TO VISIT TEA GROWING AREAS (ORIGINAL INVITATION DID NOT SPECIFY PROGRAM).

2. WERTHEIM HAS RECEIVED CANTON FAIR INVITATION BUT DOES NOT PLAN TO ATTEND. HE TOLD DEPTOFF HIS FIRM'S BUSINESS

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HAS BEEN CONDUCTED SATISFACTORILY BY CORRESPONDENCE AND HIS

ONLY REAL INTEREST IS TO VISIT TEA GROWING AREAS.

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